

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 – REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on September 20, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Washington. Helen Price Johnson, Chair, Angie Homola, Member, and John Dean, Member were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS (Recording Part 1 @ :28)

Steve Swanson spoke about the hunting signs now up at Kettles Trail and how hunting in that area may affect tourism and use by local citizens. He advocated for a shared use of the Trail, suggesting that hunting be allowed in the morning hours with guns unloaded and shouldered by noon, followed by the public's safe use of the property in the afternoon. Commissioner Homola expressed her shared concern with Mr. Swanson so will talk with the Public Works Director about his proposal. Chair Price Johnson spoke to the State having exclusive jurisdiction over hunting regulations.

CONSENT AGENDA (Recording Part 1 @ 3:50)

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

BY UNANIMOUS MOTION (3-0) the Board approved the following items presented on the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 5, *Grant Amendment "A" for HLS Grant E10-206 with Snohomish DEM for the Homeland Security Program replacing the Budget Sheet, Exhibit C* and Item 6, *Grant Amendment "B" for HLS Grant E09-181 with Snohomish DEM for the Homeland Security Program replacing the Budget Sheet, Exhibit C*, both pulled from the agenda. Added to the Consent Agenda is Item 19 from the Chair's Agenda, *Proposal to Restructure the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Process*:

Pre-audited bills: \$2,303,738.30
Vouchers: \$1,186,230.67
Electronic funds transfers: \$614.85
Payroll: \$621,112.26
Minutes: *None presented*

Auditor

Addendum to the Warranty, Support, and License Agreement with Hart InterCivic, Inc. for support of election vote tabulation software. This Addendum freezes fees at the 2010 amount over the next 5 years. (RM-AUD-10-0390)

Commissioners

Resolution No. C-77-10 Declaring Legal Holidays for the Year 2010. Addition of December 31, 2010 as a legal holiday (New Year's day falls on Saturday)

Human Resources - Personnel Action Authorizations

None presented

Human Services

- Contract Amendment with Phoenix Recover Services, LLC to provide community substance abuse services in Island County. Contract No. HS-06-09(5); Amount: -\$5,982 revision (RM-HS-10-0360)

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- Contract with Jan Pickard to provide senior support services. Amount: \$3,000; Contract No. HS-10-26-10 (RM-HLTH 10-0369)
- Contract with Katlaina Rayne to provide senior support services. Contract No. HS-10-27-10; Amount: \$3,000 (RM-HLTH 10-0370)
- Professional Service Agreement with Laurie Sirotkin, PO # 8684, to provide Life Skills classes to Transitional Housing Clients. Amount: \$3,000 (RM-HS-10-0376)

Public Works-County Roads

Purchase Order No. 9230 – Day Wireless; Programming radios/repeaters for narrow band conversion; \$9,701.48 (incl WSST) (RM-PW-10-0356)(PW-1020-073)

Public Works - Drainage

Abutter's Agreement & Covenants – Donald & Patricia Heitmann and Roland Costello; WO 434; East Camano Drive/Cavalero Road; Parcel 177-1200, 192-1290, 210-1390; Sec. 18, Twp 31N, R 3E, (RM-PW-10-0354)(PW-1020-071)

Superior/Juvenile Courts

Improvement Plan - Island County Superior Court & AOC Family and Juvenile Court. Provides funding to improve and support family and juvenile court operations. Contract # ICA 11052; Amount: \$19,989.00 (RM-JUV-10-0377)

Liquor License

Application for Special Occasion Liquor License No. 092074 by Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens for a special occasion to be held on October 2-3, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens, 3531 Meerkerk Lane, Greenbank

REGULAR AGENDA (Recording Part 1 @ 14:18)

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Commissioners

Consider appointments and/or re-appointments to various boards and committees

- Reappointment of Don Sherman to the Conservation Futures Citizens Advisory Board (CAB)
- Reappointment of David Pelletier to the Conservation Futures Citizens Advisory Board (CAB)

MOVED BY HOMOLA, SECONDED BY DEAN to re-appoint Don Sherman and Dave Pelletier to the Conservation Futures Citizens Advisory Board. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

Proposal to Restructure the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Process

Chair Price Johnson explained that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meets annually to disburse the 2% lodging taxes, established in 1998. In an effort to scrutinize every aspect of the County's structure to determine efficiencies and quality improvement opportunities, it was suggested to reduce the number of committee members since that decision is one for the Board of County Commissioners to decide. Presented were potential committee members for the 2010 process and suggested revisions to the Island County Code. The Chair's objective is

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to make sure that each community is represented. Discussion also occurred about the 2010 allocations.

Because it was agreed it important to be sure adequate outreach occurred, a decision was tabled to the next business meeting for action.

Budget

Schedule Public Hearing: Resolution C-78-10 Adopting the Island County Budget and Diking District #4 Budget for Fiscal Year 2011

Ms. Marlow presented the 2011 preliminary budget scheduled for public hearing on October 4 at 2:00 p.m. She reviewed the fundamentals and the effect on programs provided to citizens, and also went over the schedule going forward. Should the preliminary budget not be adopted on October 4 as scheduled, additional days were set aside for review: 1) Thursday, October 7; 2) Monday, October 11; and, 3) Wednesday, October 13 (other days could be scheduled, if needed, but Ms. Marlow cautioned the Board that the impacts of the reductions will need to be bargained with the unions so time is of the essence). The goal is to conclude the process earlier so Elected Officials, Department Heads, and affected staff will know what to expect sooner rather than later.

As a follow-up from last Thursday's budget workshop with respect to the amount available in contingency, Ms. Marlow indicated that set aside was \$50,000 for the regular contingency with a proposal to eliminate the outsourcing of system maintenance for the accounting system at about a \$60,000 savings. She proposed putting \$30,000 of that savings aside to make sure Central Services is not overloaded, leaving approximately \$30,000 available to fund the priorities of the Board. Approximately \$37,000-\$38,000 was added back to the budget due to an accounting error (duplicate entry) for a total of about \$98,000 available to fund those priorities when going through the public hearing process.

Dialogue ensued about the challenging decisions before the Board including, among others, those involving Animal Control, law and justice, the senior community, and the ability to serve the public with limited resources.

MOVED BY DEAN, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, to AFFIRM setting the public hearing on the 2011 preliminary budget for **October 4, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Recording Part 1 @ 1:08:32)

Commissioner Homola

- Attended the National POW MIA Recognition Day.

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There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m. The Board will meet next in Regular Session at 11:00 a.m. on September 27, 2010 for Roundtable, followed by agenda items at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Helen Price Johnson, Chair

Angie Homola, Member

John Dean, Member

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board